

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-23. (cancelled).

24. (new) A method for generating a document template of a document for a print job, comprising the steps of:

providing a computer at which a first computer program is loaded which provides a generation unit for generating document templates and a second computer program is loaded which provides a resource administration unit;

providing a storage within said computer;

generating the document template which is a general layout of the document by said generation unit using static resource data which comprises unchanging elements of the document for the document template that are combined into addressable computerized resource data sets;

storing said resource data in a storage area of said storage;

registering the document template by said resource administration unit;

generating a resource list by the resource administration unit in which resource data sets of said static resource data used by the document template are listed;

marking at least one of said resource data sets in the resource administration unit as being external when it is not to be transmitted to a print server device;

using the resource list, transferring with the resource administration unit those resource data sets used by the document template and not marked as being external from said storage area of said computer to said print server device where they are stored;

transferring a print command for the document to the print server device;

supplying variable data independent from the resource data sets to the print server device; and

then with the print server device controlling printing of the document for the print job by using the locally stored resource data sets of said document template, supplemented with said variable data, said variable data being data which changes from document to document within the print job while the static resource data remains the same from document to document within the print job.

25. (new) The method according to claim 24 wherein the static resource data concern at least one of the following objects: fonts, forms, tables, standard texts, graphic elements, layout specifications for print pages and specifications for positioning of print pages on a recording medium.

26. (new) The method according to claim 24 wherein the transfer of the resource data sets is controlled by the resource administration unit.

27. new The method according to claim 24 wherein the resource data sets are formed via resource files.

28. (new) The method according to claim 27 wherein at least one data index is arranged by the resource administration unit for storage of the used resource files.

29. (new) The method according to claim 24 wherein a community index is arranged by the resource administration unit for resource files that are used in common by a plurality of document templates.

30. (new) The method according to claim 27 wherein for each used resource file that, for its part, access at least one subordinate resource file, a resource part list is generated in which a minimum of one subordinate resource file is listed.

31. (new) The method according to claim 30 wherein the resource part list is stored in a same index in which a cited resource file is located.

32. (new) The method according to claim 30 wherein the resource part lists are generated by the generation unit.

33. (new) The method according to claim 27 wherein such resource files that are accessed by no superordinate resource file are characterized as a main resource, and their resource part lists are stored for said resource administration unit such that they can be found.

34. (new) The method according to claim 30 wherein to generate the resource list, the various resource files are recursively determined starting from the main resources, in that for each determined resource file the resource files subordinate to it are determined with aid of a corresponding resource part list.

35. (new) The method according to claim 27 wherein it is noted in the resource list whether a listed resource file accesses at least one subordinate resource file.

36. (new) The method according to claim 27 wherein at least one of storage addresses and paths to the listed resource files are listed in the resource list.

37. (new) The method according to claim 24 wherein for a framework of the transfer of the resource files to the data processing device, it is automatically checked by the resource administration unit whether all resource files of the corresponding resource list not characterized as external are actually present, and if necessary absence of such resource file is displayed.

38. (new) The method according to claim 24 wherein the resource administration unit is called via a superordinate computer program for at least one of to provide resource data sets and to transfer them to the data processing device.

39. (new) The method according to claim 38 wherein the superordinate program is formed via a printer driver.

40. (new) The method according to claim 24 wherein the resource data sets are provided with at least one of a version identification and a generation datum, and the resource datasets are at least one of provided and transferred to the data processing device by the resource administration unit according to at least one of their version identification and their generation datum.

41. (new) A system for generating a document template of a document for a print job, comprising:

- a computer at which a first computer program is loaded which provides a generation unit for generating document templates and a second computer program is loaded which provides a resource administration unit;

- a storage within said computer;

- a computerized generation unit in which the document template which is a general layout of the document is generated by using static resource data which comprises unchanging elements of the document for the document template, whereby the static resource data are combined into addressable resource datasets and wherein the resource data sets are stored in a storage area of said storage;

- a computerized resource administration unit that generates a resource list in which the resource data sets used by the document template are listed and that marks at least one of said resource data sets in the resource administration unit as being external when it is not to be transmitted to a print server device;

- the resource administration unit, by using the resource list, controlling a transfer of those resource data sets which are not marked as being external to said print server device where they are stored;

- a job editor unit transferring a print command for the document to the print server device;

said print server device being enabled to receive variable print data independent from the resource data sets, and

said print server device upon receiving said print command controlling a printing of the document for the print job by using the locally stored resource data sets of said document template and said data sets supplemented with said variable data, said variable data being data which changes from document to document within the print job while the static resource data remains the same from document to document within the print job.

42. (new) The system according to claim 41 wherein the generation unit and the resource administration unit are formed via computer programs that are installed on a common PC.